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LOK SABHA

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PEOPLE LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the percentage and number of BPL people is declining;

(b) if so, the State-wise comparative details of the present list and the preceding list alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the decline has been due to the differences in norms adopted for identification of BPL persons in the current list and the preceding list; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) : The comparable poverty estimates of 1993-94 and 2004-05 show a decline in the percentage of BPL people from 35.9 per cent to 27.5 per cent in 2004-05 and in the number of BPL people from 3203.68 lakh to 3017.20 lakh.

(b) : The BPL list for 2002 has not been finalized in all the States.

(c) : It cannot be definitely said that the decline is due to differences in norms adopted for identification of BPL persons.

(d) : Does not arise.